

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-3, 7-15, and 19-26 are pending in the application. Claims 4-6 and 16-18 are canceled herein, and claims 19-26 are newly added.

The Office action indicates that claims 6 and 18 would be allowable. The features of these claims have been added to independent claims 1, 11, 12, and 13. Accordingly, the applicant respectfully requests allowance of all claims.

In view of the foregoing, the applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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